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Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit to you herewith the text of the official statement by the Government of Venezuela announcing its recognition of the independence of the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 68 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Guillermina da SILVA-SUNIAGA
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Statement dated 2 September 1991 by the Government of Venezuela

The Government of Venezuela has been closely following the evolution of the political process in the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, a process which culminated in their respective declarations of independence.

Venezuela, with its traditional commitment to the principle of free self-determination, has been a standard-bearer in the struggle for the independence, the sovereignty and the national identity of peoples.

In view of the above, and without prejudice to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, the Government of Venezuela has decided to recognize the independence of the Republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Governments of the States members of the international community of this decision.